

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 9, with the following amended paragraph.

Fig. 4 shows the distal end 72 of the distal extension inner catheter tube 68 and a bore 69 within it, open to the distal end of the inner catheter 68, and terminating proximally at an end-to-end butt joint with the distal end of the metal pusher tube 42. A tip extension catheter 60 of PEBAX polymer (PEBAX®) receives the distal end 72 of the inner catheter 68, so that its proximal end 67 overlaps the abluminal wall of the catheter 68. Around the distal end zone 71 of the catheter 68, and sandwiched between the distal catheter 68 and the proximal end zone of the tip catheter 60, is a second radiopaque metal marker band 74, and the whole assembly is bonded together with a cyanoacrylate adhesive composition. The PEBAX tip extension catheter 60 extends into the tapered lumen of the taper 16 of the distal end of the sheath 14.